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#### SAFETY TEAM ARRIVES IN TEXAS TO PROBE DEADLY BALLOON CRASH

U.S. safety officials arrived in Texas on Sunday to probe the crash of a hot air balloon that killed 16 people, amid reports that it hit a power line and caught fire before plummeting to the ground. The balloon crashed on Saturday into a field near Lockhart, about 30 miles south of Austin, on Saturday, killing all of those aboard. Aerial television footage showed remnants of the red, white and blue balloon, adorned with a large, yellow smiley face wearing sunglasses, lying flattened at the crash site. A witness told reporters the craft struck a power line and emergency responders said the basket had caught fire. REUTENS

#### REUTERS/IPSOS POLL: CLINTON LEADS TRUMP BY 6 POINTS

Hillary Clinton held a 6- percentage-point lead over Donald Trump, according to a Reuters/Ipsos poll with new wording that was released on Friday. Nearly 41 percent of likely voters favor Clinton, 35 percent favor Trump, and 25 percent picked "Other," according to the new July 25-29 online poll of 1,043 likely voters, which overlapped with the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia. The poll has a credibility interval of 4 percentage points. The presidential tracking poll reflects a slight change of wording from previous surveys, replacing the "Neither/Other" option given to respondents with just "Other." An internal review had found the word "Neither" has, at times, siphoned support away from one or the other candidate. BEUTERS

# ONE DEAD, TWO MISSING IN MARYLAND FLOODING

Flooding from torrential rain killed at least one person in Ellicott City, Maryland, and at least two people are missing after floodwaters swept through the town's historic downtown, officials said on Sunday. Ellicott City was pounded by almost 6 inches of rain in two hours late on Saturday, sending the Patapsco River out of its banks, officials said. Howard County Executive Allan Kittleman said the flooding in Ellicott City, about 35 miles northeast of Washington, was worse than that from Hurricane Agnes in 1972. "I don't believe there's ever been a flood and the devastation that we've had overnight in Ellicott City," he said in an interview with Baltimore's WBAL NewsRadio.

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Hot and humid conditions are perfect for mosquitoes. GETTY IMAGES

# MOSQUITOES ON THE PROWL

You think you've been feeling bugged by the heat and humidity? Well, now you're going to feel bugged-out by the latest mosquito forecasts.

Yes, I did say the latest mosquito forecast.

This is something, and it's because mosquitoes transmit diseases, with the Zika virus the biggest concern right now. Other diseases that can spread through mosquito bites are dog heartworm and West Nile virus, to name a few.

Mosquitoes get real active when it's hot and humid, and that's been the case for most of the Northeast this entire summer, with the exception of parts of New England.

When you take a look at your latest Accuweather forecast you



will see the latest mosquito forecast attached to it: Conditions are high for Boston and New York and extremely high for Philadelphia.

With all the rain during the past few days, standing water, puddles, birdbaths and boat tarps make for ideal breeding grounds for mosquitoes.

So load up on your bug spray and keep a close eye on your pets, I would not leave them outside for too long.

So the good news is the stifling heat that was smothering parts of the Northeast especially from Philly to NYC, is gone. However, the bad news is it has been extinguished by waves of localized heavy rain, storms, flash flooding and now mosquito alerts.

Storms and flash flooding will continue into Tuesday, however a true breath of fresh air will arrive Wednesday and Thursday, before more heat returns by Friday and into Saturday.

The tropics are starting to get active, and right now I'm keeping an eye on a quick-moving disturbance south of Puerto Rico that has a decent chance of de-

#### New York

**Today:** Strong scattered storms, local flooding, 80

**Tuesday:** Mostly cloudy, late storm, 81

Wednesday: Sun, low humidity, 80

Thursday: Mostly sunny, 84

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**Saturday:** Scattered storms, 90

Sunday: Scattered storms, 87

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### Businesses brace for L train shutdown

Williamsburg tourist spots like Smorgasburg expect to take a hit during 18 months subway is out of service.



As the 18-month L train shutdown looms, commuters aren't the only ones bracing for the change. Businesses are worried that the steady flow of customers will slow to a trickle when the subway line will no longer be an option for people visiting Williamsburg.

Williamsburg has few alternatives to the L subway train, and businesses are expecting a hit when the full shutdown takes place. This area of Brooklyn has recently seen an economic boom, not just because of renewed interest in living there but also because it is now seen as a destination spot for tourists who would otherwise stay in Manhattan.

One of the Williamsburg draws is Smorgasburg, a food festival started in 2011 by the people of Brooklyn Flea. On weekends from April to



November, Brooklynites non-Brooklynites flock to North Seventh Avenue and Kent Street in Williamsburg for the "Woodstock of eating," as it has been called by The New York Times.

"At Saturday's Smorgasburg especially, it's a ton of people who read about it on food blogs or travel guides. ... It's a lot of tourists at Saturday Smorg, so I'm worried that without the convenience of the L being there and without it being super accessible, it's going to be a tough draw," said Matt Gallira, owner of Big Mozz, a mobile food business that has a stand at Smorgasburg. "But at the same time, I think Smorgasburg in particular is a little bit recession-proof. People will find a way to get here because it's a unique thing, so I'm not that worried."

Matt Lindemulder, one of the owners of Porchetta, said his commute from East Williamsburg to Porchetta's brick-and-mortar location in the East Village won't be too tough since he rides a bicycle, but he added, "[the shutdown is] definitely going to have an impact."

"I'd rather have them do the three-year limitedservice back-and-forth as opposed to cutting it for a

... year and a half, which is just kind of insane," Lindemulder said.

New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio said he also wonders if an 18-month shutdown is necessary to repair the Canarsie Tunnel. The tunnel under the East River was damaged by flooding caused by the storm surge during Hurricane Sandy in 2012.

"We have to push the MTA to confirm, do they really need to do it that way?" de Blasio said during an interview on WNYC's "Brian Lehrer Show." "Are there better alternatives and what are they going to do to maximize the alternatives?"

"This decision, though I'm sure it has a practical underlying rationale, announcing it without a plan to deal with the impact is troubling to me," de Blasio said. "It's a long time, and we're certainly going to push hard to see, does it really have to be so long? Is there another way to go about

The MTA did not respond to requests for comment.

The MTA said in the July 25 announce-ment that it spoke to 11 community boards and considered input from people living along the L train's route before making this decision.

Brick-and-mortar businesses, like three-year-old record store and concert venue Rough Trade on North Ninth Street, are expecting the shutdown to be "pretty impactful," but Rough Trade store comanager George Flanagan said he is trying to stay optimistic.

"Record Store Day in 2015, the L was shut down," Flanagan recalled. "That said, it didn't kill us for the day. We survived ... maybe we would've made 10 grand more that day, but it didn't completely destroy us."

Rajeev Yerneni, owner of Parantha Alley, which does not have a brick-and mortar location and relies on festivals like Smorgasburg, said he also experienced the L shutdown in 2015.

"Last time when the L closed for a few weeks, [Smorgasburg management] put special buses ... and they said they promoted the [East River Ferry], so that helped, but [business] decreased by like, 20, 25 percent," he said.

Yerneni also warned that food vendors are "finicky," so if the cost of doing business in Williamsburg goes up, the vendors might flee for more economically sound - and geographically accessible - locations.

Galen Marchetti lives in Hell's Kitchen and visited Rough Trade for the first time on Saturday. He said he enjoys going to the gym Brooklyn Zoo, but that will be a distant memory once the L line stops running.

"I'm screwed," Marchetti said while laughing. "That's game-over, because I work in the Meatpacking District, and the gym is like four stops in once you go across the East River, so yeah, that's



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The city Department of Environmental Pro-tection announced this week that despite the city's history of gritti-ness, its tap water was awarded the top prize in New York State's Regional Metro Tap Water Taste Test competition.

The contest took place Thursday at the American Museum of Natural History in Manhattan, where New York City's water went tap-totap with drinking water suppliers from Westchester, Nassau, Suffolk and Orange counties.

Museum sampled tap water from each supplier and ranked them by taste, according to the DEP. New York City's tap water was judged to be the best tasting, followed by water from Elmsford in Westchester County. After winning the Regional Taste Test competition, New York City tap water will next compete in a statewide contest in Syracuse on Sept. 2.

The DEP says that NYC's water is already "internationally nowned for its quality," adding that it has put billions into efforts to keep it this way.

New York is one of only five large cities in the U.S. allowed to run a largely unfiltered drinking water supply, mainly due to the city's watershed protection programs, according to the DEP. More than \$1.7 billion has been invested in watershed protection programs since 1993, when the Environmental Protection Agency first issued the city a waiver from the federal requirement to filter the water from the Catskill/Delaware System. The DEP recently activated the \$3.2 billion Croton Filtration Plant for water from the Croton supply system.

"Generations New Yorkers had the foresight to construct the incredible network of infrastructure that carries our water from as far away as 125 miles and provides us with a robust supply of high-quality drinking water from a pristine and protected watershed," said acting Commissioner Vincent Sapienza. "Under Mayor de Blasio's leadership, we have continued that tradition, investing billions of dollars in upgrades to our water supply system and watershed protection programs, to ensure that the next generation of New Yorkers continue to enjoy high quality

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The DEP performs more than 500,000 analyses of the city's drinking water every year by collecting samples from streams that feed the reservoirs, the reservoirs themselves, the aqueducts that carry the water to the city and from nearly 1,000 sampling locations throughout the five boroughs.

For more information on the quality of the city's tap water and its water supply, check out the DEP's annual report, available at nyc.gov.



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#### **BRIEF**

#### **Ex-cop** wanted for murder shoots self on NJ Turnpike

A man wanted for murder in Rhode Island killed himself Saturday on the New Jersey Turnpike after being chased by state troopers, who then found the body of the man's wife in the trunk of his car.

Former Providence cop Franklin Osgood, 61, of Providence, Rhode Island, was traveling northbound on the turnpike near Ridgefield Park, Bergen County, when troopers attempted to pull



over his vehicle, according to the Bergen Record.

Around 9:30 p.m., Osqood lost control of his car, struck a

metal guardrail and crashed into a trooper's car. When authorities approached his 2007 black Dodge Charger, state police found the suspect with a self-inflicted gunshot wound to his head.

They also found the body of his wife, 55-year-old Mary Jo Osgood, in the trunk.

Franklin Osqood was pronounced dead later at Hackensack University Medical Center, 6ABC reported.

Police began searching for Osgood Saturday afternoon after his daughter reported him missing, according to the Providence Journal. ALEXIS SACHDEV

#### Trump says 'not thrilled' with dates of presidential debates



Donald Trump GETTY IMAGES

Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump said he is unhappy with the dates set for his televised debates with White House rival Hillary Clinton, putting him at odds with an independent commission that set the calendar almost a year ago.

The dates for the three debates ahead of the Nov. 8 presidential election "will serve the American public well," the nonpartisan Commission on Presidential Debates said in a statement on Sunday, noting they were set a year in advance.

The commission was responding to complaints from Trump and other Republicans that the debate dates -Monday, Sept. 26, Sunday, Oct. 9, and Wednesday, Oct. 19 should be changed because of conflicts with televised National Football League games.

"I think two of the three are against the NFL, so I'm not thrilled with that," Trump said in an interview with ABC's "This Week" that aired on Sunday.

The commission, established in 1987 to organize and manage the presidential debates, said it is impossible to avoid all sporting events when scheduling the debates. It added that the debates have never been rescheduled because of such conflicts.

Trump, who tweeted on Friday that Clinton was "trying to rig the debates" so that fewer people would watch, suggested in the ABC interview that the former secretary of state wanted the debates to be held "when nobody's home" to watch.

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## BRIEF

#### Gunman in Austin, Texas, kills one woman, wounds three

A gunman killed a woman and seriously wounded three others in Austin early on Sunday when he shot into a crowd as people streamed out of nightclubs in the Texas capital's downtown area, police said.

The unidentified gunman opened fire at about 2:15 a.m. local time before fleeing, Austin police chief of staff Brian Manley told reporters. The motive for

the attack, which occurred just minutes after bars closed, was not immediately clear.

"It was a very chaotic scene," Manley said. He described people emerging from clubs and bars running in all directions at the sound of gunfire, as police officers on patrol rushed to the scene.

The gunman killed a woman in her 20s and wounded three other women, who were transported to a local hospital with injuries that are serious but not life-threatening, Austin-Travis County Emergency Medical Services spokesman Mike Benavides told reporters.

Manley said police were seeking help from the public, including any video recordings, in an effort to find the shooter who is believed to be in his 20s.

Minutes after that shooting, a man opened fire several blocks away in a confrontation at a parking garage, Manley said. Bystanders tackled the shooter, he said.

Police initially believed the two shootings were related and that they were dealing with an "active shooter," but that was not the case, Manley said.

The suspect who opened fire in the parking garage was transported to a hospital for injuries he suffered when bystanders subdued him, Manley said. There were no reports of anyone being struck by bullets in that incident.

# NH ticket matches winning numbers for \$487M jackpot

A Powerball ticket sold in New Hampshire matched the winning numbers for the game's jackpot of \$487 million in a drawing on Saturday that marked the eighth-biggest lottery prize ever in the United States, a lottery official said.

The numbers drawn in the 11 p.m. EDT drawing on Saturday were 11, 17, 21, 23, 32 and the Powerball number of 5, according to the Powerball website.

A single winning ticket was sold in New Hampshire, said North Dakota Lottery director Randy Miller, chair of the Powerball group. In some past drawings, the jackpot has been split between multiple winning tickets.

The single ticket from the latest drawing is worth the winner's choice of \$487 million spread over 30 years or \$341.7 million in a lump-sum payment, before federal taxes.

This was the fifth largest Powerball jackpot in the game's history.

The Powerball game is based on lottery tickets sold for \$2 apiece. It is played in 44 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The latest drawing came more than two months after a \$429.6 million winning Powerball ticket was sold in New Jersey, and about two weeks after a \$540 million Mega Millions lottery jackpot was clinched in Indiana.

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### Death toll in Baghdad bombing rises to 324stin, Texas, kills one woman, wounds three

he death toll from a suicide bombing in central Baghdad on July 3 has reached 324 and might climb further, Iraq's health minister said on Sunday.

The attack, claimed by the militant group Islamic State whose fighters government forces are trying to eject from targe parts of the north and west, was the deadliest bombing in Iraq since U.S.-led forces toppled Saddam Hussein 13 years ago.

The toll could climb further

as forensic teams are still working to identify bodies, the minister, Adela Hmoud, said.

Islamic State has lost ground in Iraq since last year to U.S.backed government forces and Iranian-backed Shi'ite militias.

But the deadly July 3 bombing in a commercial street of the mainly Shi'ite Karrada district of central Baghdad showed it can still strike in the capital.

On July 7, the ministry put the toll at 292. But it has risen as more people, initially registered as missing, were identified as among the dead, Hmoud said. REUTERS

# Clinton says Russian intelligence services hacked DNC

The U.S. has not publicly accused Russia of being behind the hack of Democratic Party computers. Cyber security experts and U.S. officials, however, said they believed Russia engineered the release of the emails to influence the U.S. presidential election.

Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton said Russian intelligence services hacked into Democratic National Committee computers and she accused Republican contender Donald Trump of showing support for Russian President Vladimir Putin.

"We know that Russian intelligence services hacked into the DNC and we know that they arranged for a lot of those emails to be released and we know that Donald Trump has shown a very troubling willingness to back up Putin, to support Putin, Clinton said in an interview with "Fox News Sunday.'

Asked if she believed Putin wanted Trump to win the White House, Clinton said she was not going to jump to that conclusion.

"But I think laying out the facts raises serious issues about Russian interference in our elections, in our democracy," Clinton told Fox in the interview, taped Saturday.

The United States would not tolerate that from any other country, especially one considered an adversary, she said.

The New York businessman has praised Putin, saying he was a stronger leader than President Barack Obama,

a Democrat.

Trump last week invited Russia to dig up tens of thousands of "missing" emails from Clinton's time at the State Department. "Russia, if you're listening, I hope you're able to find the 30,000 emails that are missing," Trump told reporters.

The Republican presidential nominee for the Nov. 8 election later said he was being "sarcastic" in his comments, which raised concerns among intelligence experts and criticism that Trump was urging a foreign government to spy on Americans. REUTERS

"For Trump to both encourage that and to praise Putin despite what appears to be a deliberate effort to try to affect the election I think raises national security

> issues. Clinton

#### **BRIEF**

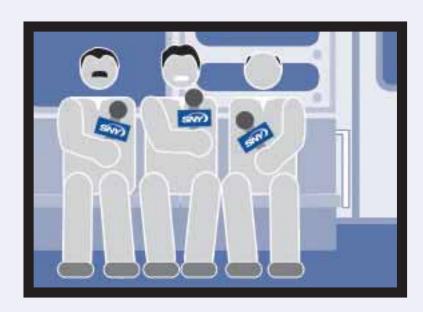
Russia says spyware found in state computer networks

Russia's intelligence service said that the computer networks of 20 organizations, including state agencies and defense companies, have been infected with spyware in what it described as a targeted and coordinated attack.

Russia's Federal Security Service (FSB) said the malware and the way the networks were infected were similar to those used in previous cases of cyber espionage found in Russia and other countries. The agency did not say who it suspected of being behind the attacks.

Information technology resources of government agencies, scientific and military institutions, defense industry companies and other entities involved in crucial infrastructure have been infected," the FSB said in a statement on its website.

The FSB's announcement follows reports of cyber attacks on the Democratic National Committee and the fundraising committee for Democratic candidates for the House of Representatives.



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# Trump rebuts criticism by Army father at DNC

The most emotional moment of the Democratic National Convention was the speech by Khizr Khan.

Donald Trump rejected criticism from the father of a soldier killed in Iraq who said the Republican presidential nominee had sacrificed nothing and no one" and questioned whether the mother was allowed to speak during the couple's appearance at the Democratic convention.

"I think I've made a lot of sacrifices," Trump told ABC News in excerpts of an interview posted on Saturday. "I work very, very hard."

Khizr Khan, a U.S. citizen of Pakistani origin and a Muslim, won widespread praise when he spoke Thursday at the Democratic National Convention, telling the story of his son, U.S. Army Captain Humayun Khan, who was killed by a bomb in Iraq in 2004.

also attacked Trump for proposing a temporary ban on Muslims entering the United States and asked if the candidate had read the U.S. Constitution.

He pulled out a pocket-copy from the inside of his suit coat, in one of the most commented moments on the night that Hillary Clinton accepted her party's nomination for president

"Did Hillary's script writers write it?" Trump asked ABC's George Stephanopoulos in the interview, saying he has indeed sacrificed by employing thousands of people, and raising "millions of dollars" for veterans.



Khizr Khan holds up a booklet of the U.S. Constitution as he delivers remarks at the Democratic National Convention. GETTY IMAGES

Trump said Khan appeared "very emotional and probably looked like a nice guy to me."

But the businessman also cast doubt on why Khan's wife did not speak.

"She was standing there, she had nothing to say, she probably, maybe she wasn't allowed to have anything to say, you tell me," Trump said.

Clinton at a campaign

rally Saturday night in Youngstown, Ohio, said the Khans specifically and Muslims generally are the most recent recipients of Trump's insults, and referenced his past statements about immigrants and the disabled.

"It's a long list my friends. I don't know, maybe he doesn't have anything positive to say,' Clinton said. REUTERS



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**14 NEWS** 

## Opponents target N. Carolina transgender bathroom law

McGarry, a transgender man and college student, the North Carolina law barring him from using public bathrooms consistent with his gender identity means a routine part of life now dictates ĥis day.

He limits how much he drinks to avoid using a bathroom away from home. He looks for gender-neutral restrooms at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, where he attends, but has missed instruction time when he cannot find one in his classroom build-

'There is a lot of insecurity about being in public spaces," the accounting and business major said in a telephone interview. "If I know I'm going to be out an extended period of time, I just don't drink

On Monday, McGarry



North Carolina is the only state in the country to mandate that people use multiple-occupancy public restrooms and changing facilities that correspond with the sex on their birth certificate rather than their gender identity, placing it at the forefront of the latest civil rights frontier in America. GETTY IMAGES

and other opponents of the law, known as House Bill 2 (HB 2), will ask a federal judge in Winston-Salem to block enforcement of its bathroom provisions while the legal fight against the full measure, enacted in March, plays out.

The restrictions put transgender people, particularly students at public schools, in an untenable position, said Chris Brook, one of the

American Civil Liberties Union lawyers challenging the measure.

'It forces all trans kids in our state to choose between breaking the law and using the correct restroom or using the wrong restroom, which could put them in a perilous situation," he said.

Republican lawmakers have not been persuaded by such arguments, or boycotts of the state by corporations, conven-

the National Basketball Association, which this month said it was pulling its 2017 All-Star Game from Charlotte in protest of the law, which has been decried by critics as discriminatory.

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Lawyers for Republican Gov. Pat McCrory argue the measure protects the safety and privacy expectations of the state's residents.

"Plaintiffs purportedly seek to overturn a single state statute, but in reality they seek to overturn millennia of accepted practice by which men and women utilize separate facilities for using the restroom, bathing and changing clothes," the governor's lawyers said in a court filing opposing efforts to block HB 2.

McCrory's office did not reply to a request for comment ahead of Monday's hearing. REUTERS

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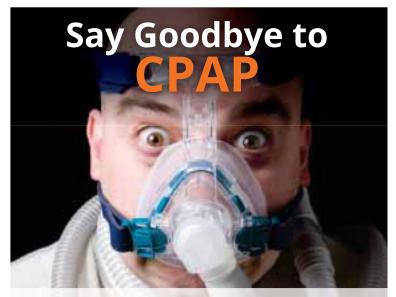
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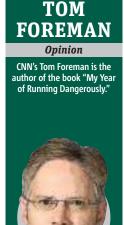
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#### SCORCHED EARTH

The balloons have popped, the confetti has been swept and now nothing remains between the candidates and the election except three months of slash and burn campaigning. Board your windows. Lock your doors. Here are my three things to watch this week in politics.

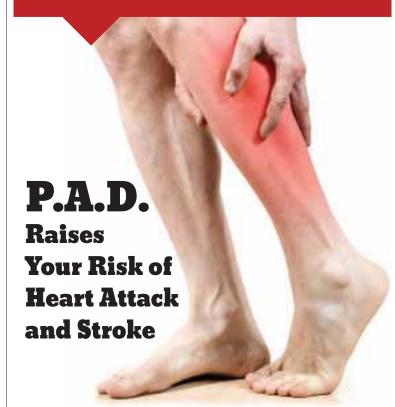
As I predicted last week, Donald Trump came out of the Republican convention with a boost in the polls, and now all eyes are on Hillary Clinton to see if she does as well — or better. The star-studded Democratic convention was intended to not merely pump up the base, but also draw in some independents and maybe even a few disgruntled Republicans. History says she'll see results, but how long will they last? Trump's bet: not long. He was slamming her before she could even get off of the stage.



The number one agenda item for both nominees should be the matter of trust — as in, convincing voters they can be trusted. Both have done a lousy job at it so far, considering the majority of people still do not see either contender as trustworthy. So I'm waiting to see if either can crack the code. Still, I'm not holding my breath. Both parties have shown little talent for building trust lately, but plenty for tearing down the other side. As they storm the trail this week, you can expect more character assassination than you'll find in "Macbeth."

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Repubs who are worried about the Trump effect will be watching their wallets this week — to see if they get any fatter. There are deep concerns some big money donors remain skittish about backing the New York billionaire and that could affect fundraising all up and down the GOP ticket. Listen for talk about this in the backwash of the conventions, because losing the White House is one thing; losing one or more houses of Congress, too? That would be cataclysmic for GOPers.



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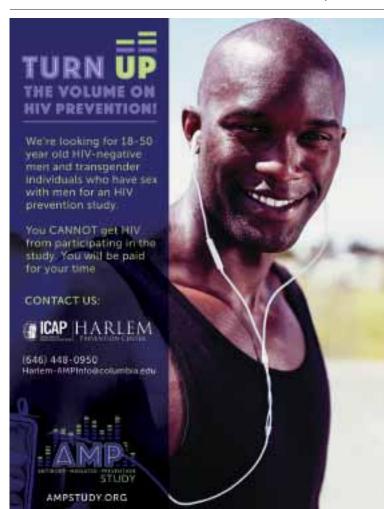
- Painful cramping in your hip, thigh or calf muscles after walking
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# **Baby Boomers May Avoid Knee Surgery With Modern Arthritis Treatments** Doctors say these two factors are the keys to knee arthritis treatment success and relieving pain without surgery

# By Matt Edgar

America's Health Writer

New York City - Everyone has said it at one time or another. If I had only known about "this" sooner - things would be very different today.

That's what many knee arthritis pain sufferers are saying about this technology and treatment.

"We all know that countless lives are being saved every year because of early detection and better treatment" noted the clinic director at the NY Pain MD in New York City. "The same holds true for treating arthritis pain. I believe we are having so much success at NY Pain MD because of two factors: One is we are using advanced medical technology and treatments a lot of clinics do not use. And second, the word has spread to our community and so many knee arthritis sufferers are coming in sooner. And the earlier we can treat knee arthritis - the better the results. The key to trying to avoid knee replacement surgery is doing the correct treatment as soon as possibly"

# What is the "correct treatment?"

"That depends," said the director. "There is no one answer when it comes to medical conditions. Knee arthritis is no different. That's why, if you have knee pain, you should have it evaluated by a doctor who deals with and treats knee pain every day," added the director.

For many knee arthrits pain sufferers the right treatment is Viscosupplementation whereby a preparation of Hyaluronic acid a gel-like FDA approved medicine is applied directly into the knee joint using *Precision Arthritis Targeting Technology*.

Hyaluronic acid is the natural lubricant and shock absorber of your joints and is found to be decreased in arthritis sufferers. This is similar to running your without oil. Obviously, the sooner you put oil back in the car - the less damage will be done. That's why some doctors feel early viscosupplecosupplementation gets the best results and is so important for avoiding surgery.

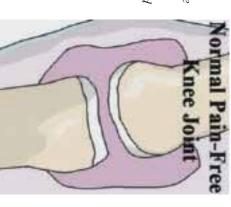
The director believes one of the most important factors for the success of viscosupplementation is making sure you are getting it into the joint space precisely. That's why the doctors at *NYPain MD* use advanced imaging technology to apply *Precision Arthritis Targeting* during every treatment.

A device called the "C-Arm" allows the doctor to see into the joint and actually watch the medicine be applied exactly where it is supposed to. Research shows that performing procedures without Precision Arthritis Targeting (P.A.T.T.)can result in missing the joint space as much as 30% of the time. If you had viscosupplementation treatments without Presision Arthritis Targeting Technology and did not get good results - this may be why.

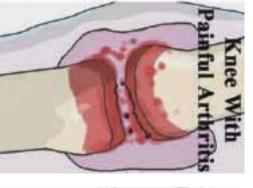
"If you have knee arthritis pain, viscosupplementation might be the answer you are looking for. The keys are to not wait, get a good evaluation from an expert and make sure precision arthritis targeting is used to make sure you have the best chance for success."



Can This Be Avoided? Total knee replacement is serious surgery requiring months of rehabilitation. Some doctors think modern treatments done early enough can keep baby boomers from going under the knife.

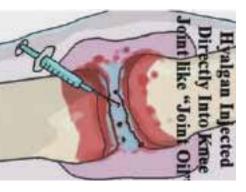


Everyone Wants Proof: In the artist simulated drawings above, picture #1 is a normal, pain-free knee. There is no arthritis and the knee can move and bend freely without pain.

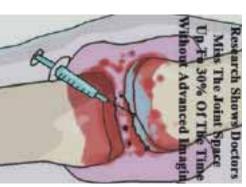


Pain - The red is a knee joint with painful osteoarthritis. With progressive "drying out", arthritis causes the joint space to decrease and an array of symptoms which may include grinding, stiffness, decreased motion, bone spurs, swelling and a

lot of pain.



Successful Treatment Treatment (blue) being applied directly into the knee joint using Precision Arthritis Targeting
Technology. Advanced imaging allows treatments to be as precise as possible. Viscosupplementation can lubricate the joint and decrease pain.



Failed Treatment - the medicine misses the joint space. Research shows this occurs up to 30% of the time without the use of Precision Arthritis Targeting Technology to guide the injection. This is why prior treatment may not have worked for you.

#### Paris Hilton thinks she could be an ISIS target



Being famous isn't all that it's cracked up to be — according to Paris Hilton, at least.

The socialite and hotel heiress, who is currently working as a DJ in Ibiza, recently told a Spanish newspaper that she's afraid her celebrity status might make her a potential ISIS target.

Responding to the recent terrorist attacks in Nice and Germany, Hilton said in an interview that she worries about being the victim of an attack. "I'm constantly moving around from one country to another, and I'm a famous person who could be a definite target for an attack, and that is something that sometimes terrifies me, she said.

Clearly, a jetsetting lifestyle isn't all fun and games for Hilton. Still, fear won't be stopping her anytime soon earlier this month, the 35-year-old revealed that she'll be following in her family's footsteps and launching her own chain of luxury hotels in Dubai, New York and Las Vegas.

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#### Constance Wu slams Matt Damon's controversial new film

Constance Wu is the latest actress to lash out against the lack of diversity in Hollywood.

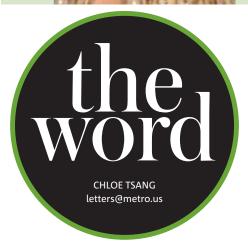
On Friday, the "Fresh Off the Boat" star posted a statement on Twitter that blasted Matt Damon's upcoming film, "The Great Wall." In the film, the 45-year-old actor plays a soldier in ancient China who defends the Great Wall against a mythical attack.

The casting decision quickly attracted the attention — and disapproval — of Wu. "We have to stop perpetuating the racist myth that only a white man can save the world. It's not based in actual fact," she wrote. Our heroes don't look like Matt Damon. They look like Malala. Ghandi. Mandela."

Wu is one of several people to point out the lack of Asian representation in Hollywood, an issue that has gained noticeable traction recently - earlier this year, Scarlett Johansson's casting in a remake of the Japanese anime 'Ghost in the Shell" and Tilda Swinton's portrayal of a Tibetan character in "Doctor Strange" both drew heavy criticism of Hollywood's "whitewashing" tendencies.

Hours after publishing her statement, Wu followed up with another tweet to clear the air with Damon. "For the millionth time it's NOT abt blame. Not blaming Damon, the studio, the Chinese financiers. It's not about blame, It's about AWARENESS," she wrote.

"The Great Wall" is scheduled for release in February 2017.



#### Kanye tells Tidal and Apple to squash beef

Kanye West has finally taken a break from his drama with Taylor Swift to focus on another feud - the music streaming battle between Tidal and Apple Music.

On Saturday, the "Famous" rapper took to Twitter to rant about the two music industry giants, claiming their beef was "f—king up the music game."

West, alongside Jay Z, Beyonce, and several other

high-profile musicians, is a co-founder of Tidal.

The battle began back in 2015, when Apple released its own music streaming platform just three months after Tidal's launch. Since then, the two have been competing over exclusive content, making it difficult for fans to access their favorite music in one place.

Despite ongoing rumors that Apple might try and acquire Tidal, West's social media posts suggest these talks aren't going so smoothly. "Apple give Jay his check for Tidal now and stop trying to act like you Steve," the 39-year-old rapper tweeted.

West is calling for a meeting between himself, Apple CEO Tim Cook, Jay Z and several other music execs to try and end the feud. "We all gon be dead in 100 Years. Let the kids have the music, he wrote.



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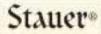
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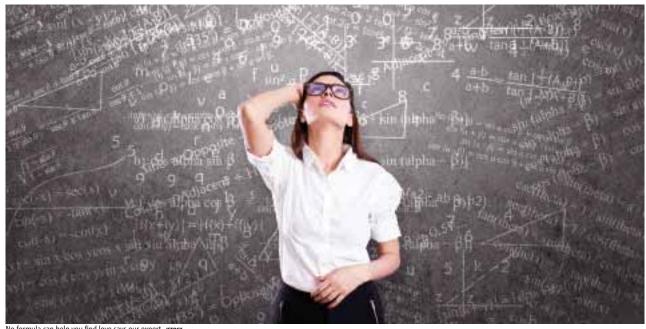
# Why dating is not a numbers game

Single and Swiping

founder of eFlirt, an online lating concierge service, and the best-selling author of "Love @ First Click: The Ultimate Guide to Online



Recently a client sent over a spreadsheet of his results with online dating. It was incredibly detailed — broken down by platform and multiple data points, such as the number of women who replied to his first



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messages, then second messages and so on.

He's not my first - I've seen other spreadsheets.

It seems simple to run the dating data when it's quantified on an app or site, so naturally, many online

daters get the urge to crunch numbers. But there's a major problem with taking the fun of dating and turning it into a numbers game.

Numbers can represent quantity, but what they can never completely convey is quality. In your dating life, who you are meeting and the way you are connecting on your dates is much more important than how many matches are in your inbox. Quality cannot be quantified in a spreadsheet.

If you're a number cruncher, you might logically understand this but still feel

resistant, like my client. When I told him that not only should he not concern himself with numbers, but that OkCupid data that suggest excellent messages receive a 40 percent response rate is outdated, he asked me, "Well, what should the average response rate be for me?"

The truth: There is no magic formula that says if you get a certain percentage of replies on a dating site, you'll find love. After working with thousands of online daters for nearly a decade, I've found that there is no average. There are too many variables, like

which platform you're on and whom you're choosing to message. Some online daters receive a 5 percent response rate while others reach 40 percent. But in either case, love doesn't fit neatly into an empty cell on a spreadsheet.

One of our clients received a 90 percent response rate ... yet she is still single. Another married the first man who responded. So next time you get the urge to count the messages in your inbox, ask yourself: Am I truly connecting with the matches I meet? When you meet the right person, none of the numbers matter.





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#### "Smithereens"

Director: Susan Seidelman Stars: Susan Berman, Brad Rijn Rating: R

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Every film becomes a time capsule, and it's easy to get lost staring at the sights in 1982's "Smithereens." With every year and every new chain store, bank and high-end eatery, its vision of a postapocalyptic East Village looks more and more alien like one of the alternate dimensions from "Rick and Morty," offering a New York where you can still live without a trust fund. The heroes of Susan Seidelman's debut are young and dumb and, like their city, short on cash. They get by on vitality and blind ambition. Manhattan will change, but they seem to be stuck in a hellscape for all eternity.

"Smithereens" gives viewers lots of time to gawk; the plot is minimal, repetitive. It follows Wren (Susan Berman), a gentle name for a dogged narcissist introduced nicking a pair of checkered black-and-white sunglasses off an unsuspecting mark. A Jersey ex-pat who never wants to go back, Wren wants to make it, whatever that is. But right now she's down and out,



Susan Berman hangs in 1982 New York in "Smithereens," playing at the Metrograph, 7 Ludlow St., through Thurs, westchester FILM INC., SHOUT FACTORY LLC

prowling the trash-strewn, mid-Koch streets and fetid clubs for "connections" that never stick.

Wren uses people she hopes will use her, too. The exception is Paul (Brad Rijn), a nice boy who lives in a van in one of the neighborhood's many bulldozed wastelands. She'll grow quickly bored of him, until she needs a place, any place, to crash. She thinks she's a better fit for Eric, played by Richard Hell as a Richard Hell who never got big. He goes through girlfriends like water, uses beer as pomade and, when that L.A. recording session doesn't appear to be happening, isn't above turning to petty crime. At one point he and Wren team up to swindle

an unsuspecting tourist, and the scene manages to be both darkly amusing and deeply upsetting.

Unlike her characters, Seidelman would make it. She proceeded to "Desperately Seeking Susan" and its brighter, more attractively grotty version of the New York underground. But "Smithereens" finds her still in the mud. It's a grimy 16mm affair, deeply rooted in the scene. (The score is by the Feelies.) A movie made on a grandmother's inheritance has become a priceless artifact, destined to frighten NYU's incoming freshman class. But it has more than novelty; it's as much a portrait of emotional desolation as it is of the city at its worst. MATT PRIGGE



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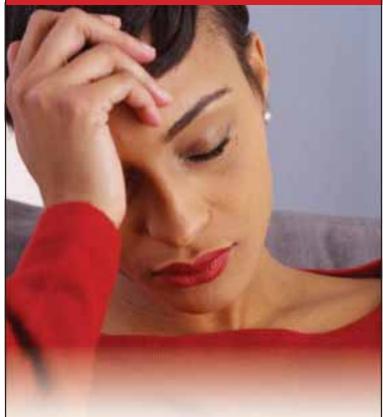








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# Maria Bello doesn't do horror

But the actress made an exception with "Lights Out," which she found unusually



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Maria Bello has managed to mostly avoid one genre: the horror film. But "Lights Out" was different, even if it is about a mysterious entity that haunts a dysfunctional family. The family in question includes Sophie (Bello), a newly widowed mother with mental illness who might have a strong, long-lasting connection with the spirit that can turn victims into piles of gnarly flesh. The actress, 49, talks about her own connection to the material and why this is one horror film that actually scared her.

I have to admit, while I found this film creepy, I rarely find horror films scary, per se. I tend to be more scared by films about real things, like cancer or global annihilation or death. Yeah, I'm like you. I don't scare easily, I have to say, and I don't like horror films. But this one, I went to see it with my friends and we were screaming and grabbing

onto each

other. I was watching it between my fingers. I thought it was that scary. I think anything with mannequins, clowns or puppets — forget about it. That is scary just in

Some actresses have said that they started off in horror films because it was the only genre that regularly starred women. They can be progressive,



I'm going to guess you never had to learn how to scream for a horror film when you were first study ing acting.

Yeah, we went to all the special scream classes. [Laughs] No, I think doing a horror film and doing a romantic comedy is exactly the same. You look up and there's 50 guys standing around you, scratching their balls, drinking a Coca-Cola. And every time they're about to say action they're like, "OK cut! We've gotta fix that light!" So by the time you actually get to scream, you scream because you're so annoyed.



Maria Bello plays a mother whose family is plagued by a mysterious entity in "Lights Out." WARNER BROS. PICTURES

at least in that sense.

I hadn't thought about that. I was thinking the opposite.

Î don't usually see slasher movies, but isn't it usually the women with big boobs who get killed?

Yes. This is the complicated

history of gender studies in the horror film, where there's the final girl who defeats the villain, but is also usually the only virgin.

Of course! God forbid the heroine has sex or is a sexual being in any way. You have to be the good girl to get rid of the demons.

They defeat demons with the power of their virginity. But you've actually managed, with an exception or two, to avoid this genre.

I've been offered these

types of films before, and I hadn't really connected with anything until this one. It was because of the character. She was complicated. I have a shared history with her, with my own gift of bipolar disorder, and I felt like I'd get to bring that to the screen in a really realistic way.

It's strange how seldom we see mental illness portrayed in a manner like this, where we see how it affects everyone around them.

If you take all the horror away, it really is a

stand-alone drama about mental illness and how it affects a family. I based my performance on reallife experiences, which I wrote about in my book last year "Whatever ... Love Is Love," about my own dynamic with the disease. I realized after being medicated that this was really a gift. I wanted to portray the reality onscreen of what it is to have a mental illness and how it really is a family disease. It affects everyone around you. It was really important to me to

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As a 37-year industry veteran and an alum of esteemed New York eateries such as Remi and Tavern on the Green, Argondizza knows firsthand just how grueling a chef's life can be.

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and there's something really gratifying about that," she says.

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which I think sets you up for when you leave here, says Argondizza.

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> In a changing industry, Argondizza is both old-school and forwardthinking. She swears by Jacques Pépin's legendary "La Technique," and oversees a cutting-edge curriculum.

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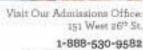
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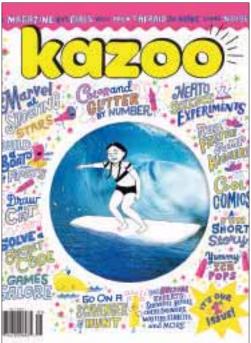


Erin Bried, editor in chief of new girls' magazine Kazoo, was frustrated when she went to pick out a magazine to read with her 5-yearold daughter. The titles geared toward young girls focused mostly on beauty tips and featured pictures of princesses and dolls. With her nearly two decades' worth of editorial experience at Condé Nast, Bried decided to create her own publication — with the help of her two daughters, the magazine's "Teeny and Tiny Editors"— that inspires girls to be smart, strong and true to themselves.

"I know we can do better for our girls. In fact, we must, because this sort of messaging that we see in the media [and in the toy aisles]— that there's only one right way for a girl to be—has real and negative consequences," said

After coming up with the idea, Bried launched a Kickstarter campaign that quickly became the highest funded journalism campaign in Kickstarter's history. Stuffed with colorful illustrations, features on famous women scientists and artists, recipes and comics, the magazine's first issue is a testament to Bried's goals.

Every page contains activities and articles that inspire girls to ask questions, be creative and engage their minds. One two-page spread features a kid-friendly interview with a female



The cover of the first issue of Kazoo magazine PROVIDED



"The beauty of the kazoo is that everybody already has what it takes to play one. Just breathe. and its loud, happy sound

comes automatically."

cosmochemist, followed by instructions to create a DIY portable planetarium and tips about how to get the most out of stargazing. As for the name of the magazine?

"The beauty of the kazoo is that everybody already has what it takes to play one. Just breathe, and its loud, happy sound comes automatically," said Bried. "I want girls to feel the same way about their own voice-that they already have everything it takes to use it."

"Kazoo" will officially launch nationwide this fall. So grab a copy or two, make some noise and join the band.

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Co-workers can provide support and camaraderie during cancer treatment, ISTOCK

#### Careers during cancer

During treatment, continuing to work can provide a sense of accomplishment and normalcy.



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Cancer is not a death sentence. Many people living with the disease continue to work throughout their diagnosis and treatment.

But by its very nature, cancer is disruptive. No one finds working while receiving chemo or radiation an "orderly situation," says Rebecca Nellis, chief mission officer at the nonprofit Cancer and Careers.

However, a positive workplace can be a tremendous source of support during a challenging time. A recent Cancer and Careers survey found that 75 percent of respondents wanted to keep working after their diagnosis because it provides them with a sense of accomplishment that is critical to recovery.

Nellis offered her insights on working during treatment.

#### **Gather information**

Before revealing your diagnosis to your employer - if, in fact, you chose to do so — fact-finding is a crucial first step. Knowing the timeline for your treatment plan, the possible side effects and precisely how they will affect your ability to do your job can help you present the situation to an employer feeling prepared, explains Nellis.

Next, comb through

your employee handbook and gather info about disability and sick leave policies. Understanding exactly what you're entitled to can give you confidence when sharing sensitive information.

#### **Know your rights**

Nellis emphasizes that it's crucial to know your rights guaranteed by the Americans with Disabilities Act. (Though the word "cancer" isn't anywhere in the title, the law still applies.)

"The ADA does two important things: protect from discrimination and provide a reasonable accommodation," explains Nellis.

A "reasonable accommodation" means that employers are required to provide modifications that allow employees who have a disability to continue to do their job.

"If we're talking about someone who is a retail manager and fatigue is gong to be a major factor, can they stand for eight hours a day?" says Nellis.

#### **Know what support** looks like

A pro-tip for those who work with someone going through cancer treatment: Don't coddle.

"Co-workers shouldn't become so focused on the cancer that they forget the colleague they're talking to," says Nellis.

Even gestures that come from a good place, like running an office fundraiser or taking on responsibilities on behalf of a sick colleague, need

Try offering to do specific tasks — buying lunch for a week or helping with a certain part of the job, suggests Nellis. This sends a message of support without smothering.

#### **Know your worth** outside of work

In some instances, people with cancer stay on the job out of necessity: Work provides the income and benefits paying for their treatment. Other times the motivation is personal.

"We work because it's part of our identity, so it really challenges a sense of self," Nellis says.

That's why if working becomes untenable, some people "may struggle to see themselves as more than just their cancer diagnosis."

This sense of loss is particularly hard for people in their 20s and 30s, because they're "prone to seeing their job as a key part of their

#### Mind the gap (on vour resume)

For cancer patients who do take time off, the return to work can "become a really stressful piece of the puzzle," says

In some cases, a lifechanging illness is an opportunity for survivors to professionally pivot. Nellis has worked with many people who wonder if "60 hours a week is worth it" after they've faced their mortality.

Though she doesn't have all the answers, Nellis says career-related questions often change after cancer.

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## ROOTING FOR USA BASKETBALL IS NO FUN

The absolute worst rooting experience you can have as a sports fan is when you find yourself rooting for a team to simply not lose.

The high of victory for teams like these is really not that high, but the low of defeat is depression city. Yeah, it's fine that your team is expected to win it all, but those ridiculous expectations ruin the rooting and viewing experience entirely.

Rooting for the USA men's basketball team at the Olympics has been like this for 20 years now. There's little fun in watching these multimillionaires attempt to bring home the gold, other than getting to see the occasional highlight reel alley-oop (something that happens 15 to 20 times during each and every NBA All-Star game).

Now, the original Dream Team in 1992 — with Michael Jordan, Larry Bird, Magic Johnson, Charles Barkley, Patrick Ewing et al. — was great. Never before had we seen a collection of talent like that on one court together and never before had we seen

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that level of dominance.

But dominance like that quickly gets boring. Remember who was on Dream Team II in 1996 in Atlanta? Nope, neither do I. In

2004 in Athens, Argentina won the gold medal. Team USA earned the most pathetic bronze medal in Olympic history. If memory serves, there was no ticker-tape parade down the Canyon of Heroes for Allen Iverson, Tim Duncan, Stephon Marbury, a young LeBron James and a young Carmelo Anthony when they returned to the states that summer.

Dominance had turned to apathy when it came to USA basketball, and now today we're in this super-awkward third stage where we're just hoping Team USA 2016 doesn't screw this thing up.

Making matters more awkward is that the best player on this summer's team is Kevin Durant, who just four weeks ago became the most hated athlete in the U.S. Durant decided to join the Golden State Warriors in an effort to create the most dominant team in NBA history. Now, he will look to change the opinions of thousands of jaded American basketball fans over the next few weeks by trying to beat Venezuela by 60 points

and by generally attempting to - you guessed it — dominate. In other words, he will apologize for his desire to dominate by dominating players who will never sniff an NBA floor.

Meanwhile, the head coach of Team USA is the lovable Mike Krzyzewski, who has a popular Facebook page dedicated to him titled, "Mike Krzyzewski is the Antichrist." As if Coach K wasn't hard enough to root for to begin with, he's been yelling at his players during these recent exhibition games to sit down on the bench and "not have so much fun." DeMar DeRozan tried a 360 dunk, nearly decapitating a Chinese defender this past week and Coach K flipped out because a couple guys (remember, multimillionaire men) on his bench actually had the nerve to get excited. Imagine what Coach K would have done to Barkley in '92 when he was throwing elbows at 160-pound Angolan "power" forwards? Here's my solution to all this crap: Have a real Team USA.

Many claim that the reason

the rest of the world has closed the gap is because these other countries have players who have played together for years. And, yes, that's part of the issue for

But why can't the U.S. assemble a team of blue-chip high schoolers every four years and build for the next Olympics? There would be new cycle of young U.S. talent every Olympic summer. Have these kids play together for four years during each and every summer. Hell, sign some of them to Team USA contracts and have them skip the farce that is college basketball altogether.

Basketball junkies would salivate over getting to watch these teams grow over the course of four years, and it would be highly intriguing to see if these groups of talented young-ins could eventually take down the men who are on the rest of the world's rosters during the Olympics.

That would certainly be a fun rooting experience. Much more fun than the one we're about to undertake.



Rooting for Coach K is a chore, GETTY IMAGES



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### Yanks deal Miller, land two more young studs

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The two players Yankee fans should be salivating over in this deal are outfielder Clint Frazier and pitcher Justus Sheffield. The players were considered two of the Indians' top three minor league prospects.

Frazier was the fifth overall pick in the 2013 MLB Draft. He can hit for power as he has 13 homers in 89 games so far this season in Double-A ball. The 21-year-old center fielder from Decatur, Georgia is ranked the 21st best prospect in baseball by Baseball Baseball

As for Sheffield - yes,



Clint Frazier is a blue-chip prospect. GETTY IMAGES

he is related to former Yankees slugger, Gary Sheffield, as he is his

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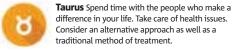
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Gemini Don't share personal secrets or beliefs. Someone will take advantage of you if you are too forthcoming. A personal change will help build confidence. Romance is highlighted.

Cancer Refuse to let moodiness take over. You will get more sympathy and workable solutions if you share your concerns without showing anger or criticism. Work with, not against, the majority.

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Sagittarius Put your time into personal improvement. The less you do with people offering indulgent temptations, the easier it will be to take care of business and build a stable future.



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